
I wish to make a submission to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee regarding the above Bill, and to add my support for this Bill.

I am horrified to hear that Medicare is being used to fund abortions in Australia due to the foetus being "the wrong sex", ie in most case, the female sex. Such selective abortions, whether the reason is cultural, personal preferences in "family planning" (ie too many female babies born into a family), etc are repulsive to any person who believes that female children are as valuable as male children.

For Medicare to fund gender-specific abortions is to discriminate against a female foetus, and I feel that our Government should be supporting the United Nations campaign to halt deliberate gender-specific abortions by ceasing the Medicare support for these abortions.

With so many competing genuine needs for Medicare funding, surely this country should not be wasting precious funds by supporting selective abortions based on gender.

The word "misogynist" has been bandied about in the hallowed halls of Federal Government in this country, and if ever there was a case of misogyny, it has to be in the funding by Medicare for selective gender abortions. It bears the hallmark of extermination via eugenics, which must surely be anathema to any moral nation.

I strongly urge the FPA Committee to bear in mind the long-term consequences of continued Medicare support for such abortions, realising that there is a real danger of "designer" families which run the distinct possibility of causing a gender imbalance in this nation, as it has in other places such as China and India.

Please note my strong support for the above-mentioned Bill.

Yours faithfully,
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